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AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.129, 301.131 and 301.453, RSMo, relating to special license plates, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 301.129, 301.131 and 301.453, RSMo, are repealed and four new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.129, 301.131, 301.453 and
3 301.3106, to read as follows:

301.129. There is established in this section an advisory committee for the department
2 of revenue, which shall exist solely to develop uniform designs and common colors for motor
3 vehicle license plates issued under this chapter and to determine appropriate license plate
4 parameters for all license plates issued under this chapter. The advisory committee may adopt
5 more than one type of design and color scheme for license plates issued under this chapter;
6 however, each license plate of a distinct type shall be uniform in design and color scheme with
7 all other license plates of that distinct type. The specifications for the fully reflective material
8 used for the plates, as required by section 301.130, shall be determined by the committee. Such
9 plates shall meet any specific requirements prescribed in this chapter. The advisory committee
10 shall consist of the director of revenue, the superintendent of the highway patrol, the correctional
11 enterprises administrator, one person appointed by the governor, one state senator appointed by
12 the president pro tem of the senate and one state representative appointed by the speaker of the
13 house of representatives. Prior to April 1, [1996] **2003**, the committee [shall] **may** meet, select
14 a chairman from among their members, and develop uniform design and license plate parameters
15 for the motor vehicle license plates issued [under] **pursuant to** this chapter **with particular**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 **emphasis on public safety.** Prior to determining the final design of the plates, the committee
17 shall hold at least three public meetings in different areas of the state to invite public input on
18 the final design. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
19 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this section out of funds appropriated
20 for that purpose. The committee shall direct the director of revenue to implement its final design
21 of the uniform motor vehicle license plates and any specific parameters for all license plates
22 developed by the committee not later than April 1, [1996] **2003**. The committee shall be
23 dissolved upon completion of its duties [under] **pursuant to** this section.

301.131. 1. Any motor vehicle over twenty-five years old which is owned solely as a
2 collector's item and which is used and intended to be used for exhibition and educational
3 purposes shall be permanently registered upon payment of a registration fee of twenty-five
4 dollars. Upon the transfer of the title to any such vehicle the registration shall be canceled and
5 the license plates issued therefor shall be returned to the director of revenue.

6 2. The owner of any such vehicle shall file an application in a form prescribed by the
7 director, if such vehicle meets the requirements of this section, and a certificate of registration
8 shall be issued therefor. Such certificate need not specify the horsepower of the motor vehicle.

9 3. The director shall issue to the owner of any motor vehicle registered pursuant to this
10 section the same number of license plates which would be issued with a regular annual
11 registration, containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director
12 of revenue. [Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered
13 hereunder. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the
14 characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of
15 this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that] Such license plates shall be
16 made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly
17 visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

18 4. Historic vehicles may be driven to and from repair facilities one hundred miles from
19 the vehicle's location, and in addition may be driven up to one thousand miles per year for
20 personal use. The owner of the historic vehicle shall be responsible for keeping a log of the
21 miles driven for personal use each calendar year. Such log must be kept in the historic vehicle
22 when the vehicle is driven on any state road. The historic vehicle's mileage driven in an antique
23 auto tour or event and mileage driven to and from such a tour or event shall not be considered
24 mileage driven for the purpose of the mileage limitations in this section. Violation of this section
25 is a class C misdemeanor and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, upon
26 conviction thereof, the director of revenue shall revoke the historic motor vehicle license plates
27 of such violator which were issued pursuant to this section.

28 5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, any person possessing

29 a license plate issued by the state of Missouri [prior to 1979] **that is over twenty-five years old,**
30 in which the year of the issuance of such plate is consistent with the year of the manufacture of
31 the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle may register such plate as [a personalized plate by following
32 the procedures for personalized license plate registration and paying the same fees as prescribed
33 in section 301.144] **an historic vehicle plate as set forth in subsections 1 and 2 of this section,**
34 **provided that the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers**
35 **of such plate are not identical to the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of**
36 **letters and numbers of any plates already issued to an owner by the director.** Such license
37 plate shall not be required to possess the characteristic features of reflective material and
38 common color scheme and design as prescribed in section 301.130. **The owner of the historic**
39 **vehicle registered pursuant to this subsection shall keep the certificate of registration in the**
40 **vehicle at all times. The certificate of registration shall be prima facie evidence that the**
41 **vehicle has been properly registered with the director and that all fees have been paid.**

301.453. 1. Any member of the general assembly of the state of Missouri while holding
2 office, upon application and payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in section
3 301.144, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, may apply for special
4 personalized license plates bearing the state seal in gold and black colors along with the words
5 "Representative" or "Senator" in preference to the words "Show-Me State". The director of
6 revenue shall annually set aside special personalized license plates bearing the letters and
7 numbers S-1 to S-34 and S01 to S034, R-1 to R-163 and R01 to R0163 to be issued to a member
8 of the general assembly of the state of Missouri while such member is holding that office, upon
9 such member's written request. For the first set of special personalized license plates issued to
10 a member of the general assembly, such plates shall bear the letter "S" and the number of the
11 senator's district for a member of the state senate or the letter "R" and the number of the
12 representative's district for a member of the house of representatives and for the second set of
13 plates issued to a member of the general assembly, such plates shall bear the letter "S" and the
14 number of the senator's district preceded by the numeral "0" for a member of the state senate or
15 the letter "R" and the number of the representative's district preceded by the numeral "0" for a
16 member of the house of representatives. Only two sets of such plates may be issued to any one
17 member of the general assembly.

18 2. Any member of the United States Congress while he **or she** is holding that office,
19 upon his **or her** written request and upon a payment of the additional fee required for
20 personalized plates in section 301.144, may apply for special personalized license plates bearing
21 the state seal in gold and black along with the words "Member of Congress" instead of the words
22 "Show-Me State" and either the letters and numbers "[USS1] **USS-1, USS-01**" and "[USS2]
23 **USS-2, USS-02**" for the senior and junior United States Senators from Missouri, respectively,

24 or, in the case of members of the United States House of Representatives, bearing the letters
25 "[USC" together with the number of the representative's district] **USC-1 to USC-9 and USC-01**
26 **to USC-09"**. Only [one set] **two sets** of such plates may be issued to any one individual
27 congressman.

28 3. The director shall annually set aside special personalized license plates bearing the
29 state seal in gold and black and the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 along with the words "Governor",
30 "Lieutenant Governor", "Secretary of State", "State Auditor", "State Treasurer" and "Attorney
31 General" in preference to the words "Show-Me State" to be issued to the governor, lieutenant
32 governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general, respectively, upon
33 written request and upon payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in section
34 301.144, and other fees and documents as may be required by law. These plates shall be held
35 by the appropriate public official only while such person remains in that office. Upon leaving
36 that office the public official shall surrender the personalized license plates to the director, who
37 shall make them available as provided in this subsection to the succeeding public official.

38 4. All special license plates issued under this section shall be made with fully reflective
39 material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be
40 aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

301.3106. 1. Any individual who is a former legislator of the Missouri general
2 **assembly may receive special license plates as prescribed by this section, for any motor**
3 **vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle**
4 **or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight.**
5 **Any individual who is a former legislator of the Missouri general assembly may annually**
6 **apply for such license plates.**

7 2. Upon presentation of the appropriate proof of eligibility as determined by the
8 director and annual payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee, and
9 other documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to
10 the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear an appropriate
11 configuration to be determined by the director, with the words "FORMER MISSOURI
12 LEGISLATOR" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be
13 made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be
14 clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section
15 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be
16 charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

17 3. No more than two sets of license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section
18 to a qualified applicant. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be
19 transferable to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle

20 shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year
21 licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person. The director of revenue shall
22 make necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section, and shall
23 design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule
24 promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has
25 been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.